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PHACELIA SCOPULINA
DWARF PHACELIA

Dwarf Phacelia is an annual that is branched from the base and has nearly prostrate stems that are up to 20 cm long. The alternate leaves have well-developed petioles and narrowly elliptic blades that are up to 25 mm long. Leaf margins are entire or have a few large, shallow lobes. The foliage has short, spreading hairs. Short-stalked flowers are borne in narrow, 1-sided, curved spikes that unwind as they mature and which originate in the leaf axils. Yellow flowers have a 5-lobed tubular corolla that is 2-5 mm long and 5 strap-shaped, hairy sepals that become longer than the corolla in fruit. Stamens are ca. as long as the corolla tube. The fruit is a many-seeded capsule. Flowering in May or June.

Other prostrate species of PHACELIA have more deeply lobed leaves. The yellow flowers also distinguish it.